रेल मंत्री (श्री सी. के. जाफर शरीफ) : (क) से (घ) 1994-95 के दौरान पर्वतीय क्षेत्रों के लिए किए गए आबंटन का राज्यवार ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है :—

क्रम सं०	राज्य	आंबटित की गई राशि 1994-95
		करोड़ रु०
1	जम्मू-काश्मीर	51.00
2	मध्य प्रदेश	1.46
3	महाराष्ट्र	2.64
4	उड़ीसा	76.11
5	उत्तर प्रदेश	6.08
6	महाराष्ट्र,गोवा और कर्नाटक (कोंकण रेलवे)	450.00

(ख) 1991-92 125.48 लाख रु० नंगल डैम-तलवाड़ा नई लाईन परियोजना के निर्माण पर

1992-93 कोई नहीं

1993-94 कोई नहीं

(ग) जी, हां।

(घ) हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार ने निम्नलिखित के लिए प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किए हैं:—

(i) भानुपल्ली-बिलासपुर-बेरी को जोड़ने वाली बड़ी रेल लाईन के लिए व्यावहारिकता सर्वेक्षण करना ;

(ii) ऊना से आगे तलवाड़ा तक बड़ी लाईन के रेल संपर्क का निर्माण कार्य शुरू करना; और

(iii) बड़ी लाईन रेल मार्ग का परवानू तक विस्तार करने हेतु सर्वेक्षण।

Postponement of Railway services

1284. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway services slated to commence from July, 1994 has been postponed till August, 1994 by the Railway Administration; and

(b) how many trains will be run by the Railways during peak hours to cater to the need of the moving population in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In order to cater to the needs of the moving population in Delhi a proposal to augment the EMU services on Delhi Ring Railway so as to provide a service at an interval of approximately every 20 minutes on the Southern Ring between Hazrat Nizamuddin and Patel Nagar is under active consideration and action as found justified and feasible will be taken.

Closure of electrification unit of Railways

1285. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Railway electrification unit facing closure" which appeared in the 'Indian Express' dated 28th April, 1994 published from Baroda;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefore; and

(c) what would be the future of near about 500 employees of all categories working there?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The sanctioned electrification works being executed by Baroda Railway Electrification Organisation are being completed and there are no new sanctioned works in the Western Railway area.

(c) Employees who have given their wilingness to serve in other electrification projects will be considered for transfer to the extent vacancies are available in those projects. Othrs will be repatriated to the open line Railway wherefrom they were temporarily drafted to work in he Railway Electrificaton Project.

NConstruction of Railway Bridge over Ganga river in Bihar

1286. SHRI ASS MOHAMMAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whther a scheme for the construction of a railway bridge over Ganga river from Pahleja to Digha (Bihar) for linking North Bihar with Patna is pending since two decades;

(b) whether Government propose to construct this bridge in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A survey for a rail bridge across River Ganga near Patna was conducted in Feb. 91. The survey report revealed that the cost of the bridge would be about Rs. 468 crores with a negative rate of return. In view of the unremunerative nature of the project coupled with huge investment involved, when the railways are faced with a resource crunch, construction of the bridge cannot be considered at present.

Rush in Bihar bound trains

†1287. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a greater rush in the trains bound for Bihar compared to trains to other areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof. and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government to run more trains for Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). There is overcrowding on certain occasions such as summer holidays, Diwali and Holi festivals, marriage season, etc.on number of sections in trains of India Railways incuding Bihar bound trains.

(c) The new Express train services introduced in 1994-95 which serve the passengers of Bihar include :

1. Katihar-Sealdah Express
2. Delhi - Muzaffarpur -Samastipur Express (4 days a week)
3. New Delhi-Guwahati Rajdhani Express (weekly)
4. New Delhi-Bhubaneshwar Rajdhani Express (weekly)

Besides, frequency of the following trains has also been increased to provide more capacity for Bihar bound passengers:—

1. New Delhi-Puri Purushottam Exprss from tri-weekly to 5 days a week.
2. Indore-Howrah Shipra Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly.
3. Gwalior-Howrah Chambal Express from bi-weekly to tri-weekly.